

## ENGINEER CORPS TO BUILD SPAR BRIDGES

Outdoor Work to Continue This Week—Practical Drills to Take the Place of Lectures Which Were Scheduled

### TO MEET TODAY AND TOMORROW

The lectures which were scheduled to be given to the Engineer Corps on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week at 4.00 o'clock have been canceled and in their stead practical work will be substituted. On Friday at 4.00 o'clock all the men in the corps will continue the work which they were doing last week. They are to assemble in the basement of Building 1 for each drill during the rest of the term.

The Reconnaissance Section, under the direction of Lieutenant W. L. Denon '18, will make maps of the grounds around the Institute. The Fortification Section, under the direction of Lieutenant A. E. Keating '17, will enlarge the one foot command trench which was built during the last drill period. In all, about thirty-six feet of trench was dug during the short time in which the men were working. It is about three and a half feet deep, about two feet wide, with about a foot of earth thrown up in front to form protection for men firing from the trench. One portion which is supposed to take about one hour to construct, was dug by the corps in less than three quarters of an hour.

The Bridge-building Section, under Lieutenant Wirt '18, will build two double lock spar bridges and one or two single ones. The instruction will be a continuance of that given last week in the building of a barrel raft. All sections from now on will do as much of the work out of doors as is practicable.

On Saturday, April 28, the corps will leave for a camping ground situated the other side of Lexington, where it will receive instruction in practical military work. The men will spend the night in the tents which will be provided and the following day will be devoted to the actual solution of military problems. The men will return some time Sunday night.

There is still ample opportunity for Technology men who are earnestly desirous of learning the fundamental principles of military engineering to join the corps and derive considerable benefit from it before the end of the year. From now on, the training will be intensive and all members will have a chance to see the work which will actually have to be done in the field, by Army engineers.

### COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

Annual "Chinese Night" to Be Held on April 14

"Chinese Night," one of the biggest annual events of the Cosmopolitan Club, will be given this year on the evening of April 14 in Copley Hall at 8.00 o'clock. The program will consist of a Chinese play and some other forms of oriental entertainment. In order that funds may be raised for the maintenance of a Cosmopolitan Club room in the new Walker Memorial, tickets are being sold this year, and only one hundred will be available for Technology men. Members of the club will, however, be given the preference, the plan being that those men may procure their tickets at the Caf from W. W. Smith '17 between 12.30 and 1.30 Friday, and from E. L. Clark '17 between 11.00 and 1.00 o'clock Saturday. Any tickets which are not disposed of by Saturday will be sold to non-members. Orders for tickets from non-members will be received by E. L. Clark at any time, and the unsold tickets will be distributed in the order of application.

### SOPHOMORE-FRESHMAN MEET

A Sophomore-freshman dual track meet will be held Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All men who are taking track and wish to enter, must see Coach Kanaly some time this week.

### CADET CORPS DANCE TICKETS NOW IN HANDS OF COMMITTEE

Sign-ups Nearly Completed—Few More Couples May Attend

The tickets for the Cadet Corps Dance, which is to be held at the Riverbank Court Hotel on Friday evening, are now in the hands of the dance committee and may be obtained from any of its members. Accommodation for about a dozen more couples can be made, but all tickets will have to be obtained before 5.00 o'clock Friday, for none will be on sale after this time, nor can any arrangements be made at the door. All of the committee members will be present at the Cadet Corps drill at the field tomorrow, where they will distribute the dance tickets.

## M. E. SOCIETY SMOKER

Mr. J. A. Moyer to Speak at Last Meeting of the Year

The Mechanical Engineering Society will hold its last smoker of the year next Friday evening at 8.00 o'clock. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. J. A. Moyer, who was formerly head of the Mechanical Engineering course at the Pennsylvania State University, and is now head of the State University Bureau of Experimentation. Mr. Moyer was also at one time turbine expert on the staff of the General Electric Company. The subject of his talk will be "Steam and Gas Turbines," and Mr. Moyer has written several books on this subject, and is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the question, there is no doubt but that his talk will be interesting and instructive. The smoker will be informal and the men may ask the speaker any questions they desire.

H. M. Brayton '17 will be the student speaker of the evening. His subject will be "The Use of a Mathematics Laboratory." The course is now being given by the Institute.

Several other entertaining features are promised, chief among which is the "Course II Quartet." Important announcements regarding plans for next year will be made and it is important that every member attend. The committee in charge will announce the room later.

### LA FOLLETTE CENSURED BY DORMITORY CONTINGENCY

Effigy of the Wisconsin Senator Burnt and Student Pacifist Quenched

According to last night's demonstration at the Dormitory, this particular section of Technology, at least, is not pacifistic and on the contrary is rather fierce in its tendencies. This latter characteristic was shown in the treatment of a certain student pacifist who raised an argument in defence of La Follette, whose burning effigy was at the time lighting up the faces of the wildly yelling mob.

A straw stuffed effigy first appeared upon the scene about 9.00 o'clock and was quickly hung from a rope stretched from the third floor to the President's house. An immense bonfire was gradually rooting the grinds out of their hidden corners and soon the windows and yard were full of shouting war propagandists. At a signal from the roof a torch was applied to the pseudo senator and he was soon rapped in flame. Up to this time no speeches had been made, the leaders of the persecution thinking that their argument was already well clinched and the pacifists, considering the nature of the meeting, thinking it more peaceful to remain quiet. But at last one man braved the spirit of the demonstration and, mounting on a box, raised his voice in the cause of La Follette and the "Peace at Any Price" contingency. The result was almost instantaneous. With yells of derision in three or four languages the dorms "en masse" turned upon him and in true Senator Lodge spirit he was carried off for refreshments served under a near-by shower.

The bonfire and noise continued for some time after this without further intervention on the part of the minority.

## SPRING BASEBALL

Dormitories and Fraternities Start Early Morning Training

Baseball is now taking a prominent place at the Institute. The fraternities are arranging a league, as they did last year, and the freshmen and Sophomores are practicing strenuously for the inter-class games, while the dormitory sections have organized a Dormitory League. Beginning with a practice game between Section C and the 1920 men next Wednesday, the season will open, and, according to the management of the various teams, close competition is to be expected.

The Inter-Fraternity League is not, as yet, officially organized, but, under the auspices of the Inter-Fraternity Conference a plan similar to last year's arrangement will probably be followed. The league was composed of three minor branches, the "Bay States," "Beacons," and "Newburys," according to their street classification, which played their games about 6.00 o'clock in the morning. The winners in these three divisions then played off the championship in much the same fashion as is used in the World's Series. Last year the winning fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, was awarded a suitable trophy.

A set of rules governing the Dormitory League was drawn up last week, and a copy placed on the bulletin board of each section. The managers of the four teams have decided to have each team play three games with every other one and have completed a schedule for that purpose. Like the fraternity scheme, the sport will be played early in the morning, a minimum of four and a half innings constituting a game, and the field to be announced the day before the game. The managers are as follows: Section B, R. Gannet '17; C, W. M. Eaton '17; D, R. E. MacDonald '17; E, J. W. Clarkson '18.

Through the generosity of Mr. Rupert, of the Rupert Lunch, a cup has been presented to the league. The successful contestant's name will be inscribed on the trophy, and will remain in the possession of that section until the next season. In spite of the heavy schedule already made out, it is quite probable that games will also be played with outside teams, such as the fraternities.

Manager W. J. Dean is arranging an attractive schedule for the freshmen with strong schools like Stone, Huntington and Wentworth Institute, besides the Harvard freshman and second varsity teams. The Sophomores are practicing steadily at Ford Field, adjacent to the Ford factory on Charles River Road, and under the direction of Captain Duffy will develop a strong team. The 1919 and 1920 men will oppose each other in the final game of the season, and the winners will be awarded the right to wear their numerals.

### COMPETITION FOR CIRCULATION MANAGER TO START FRIDAY

A competition for the position of Circulation Manager of The Tech will begin next Friday and close April 30. All men interested will report at the Tech office on Friday, April 6, at 5.00 o'clock, or Saturday, April 7, at 1.00 o'clock. The competition is open to all 1919 men and the successful candidate will assume his position on the Managing Board shortly after May 1. This office is held until April of the Junior year and may lead to the position of General Manager in the Senior year.

### SHOW REHEARSAL SATURDAY

There will be a rehearsal for the cast, chorus and orchestra on the stage of the National Theatre this Saturday. This is the second stage rehearsal, but the first to be held in the theatre in which the Show will be given. The very fact that the theatre is not in use is of advantage to Tech Show in that it permits more stage rehearsals than would otherwise be possible.

A rehearsal for the orchestra and soloists in the Show will be held this afternoon at 5.00 in the Caf.

## PREPAREDNESS MASS MEETING IN DUPONT COURT THIS AFTERNOON

Committee To Present Report On Developments In Present National Crisis—Questionnaire To Be Distributed

### FLAG RAISING TAKES PLACE

About 1.00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, an informal flag raising took place in the Great Court of the Institute. Bursar Ford, Mr. A. S. Smith, and Professor Hayward were the only ones present, and the flag was raised on the new pole unostentatiously. From now on it will be raised every morning at 8.00 o'clock and lowered at sundown.

## E. E. SOCIETY

Mr. Blood to Speak on "Grounding of Alternating Currents"

A regular meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society will be held tonight at 7.30 o'clock in Room 10-250 at which time Mr. W. H. Blood, Jr., will speak on "The Grounding of Alternating Currents: Secondary Distributing Systems." Mr. Blood, who is connected with the Stone and Webster Corporation, is the insurance expert of the National Electric Light Association, and also chairman of their "Grounding Committee." He will illustrate his talk by means of large charts and will take up the subject of grounding from the point of view of its purpose and object, reduction of fire hazards, safeguard of life, injury to water piping, question of a flow of current along water mains, thus making possible accidents to men repairing water pipes in ditches and elsewhere, and the best method of maintaining an efficient and permanent ground.

### CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW

H. P. Eddy to Speak on the "Work of the Hydraulic Engineer"

The fifth talk of a series being run under the auspices of the Civil Engineering Society, will be given by Mr. H. P. Eddy tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Caf. Mr. Eddy of the firm of Metcalf and Eddy, consulting engineers of Boston, will address the society on the "Work of the Hydraulic Engineer." He is the author of "Water Supply Engineering," a text-book which is now in use at the Institute. The student paper will be presented by George Kittredge '17, on the subject of "The New York Connecting Railroad."

The society is making plans for a trip to be made in the near future to the Boston Dry-dock, which is now in process of construction.

### TECHNIQUE RUSH ON APRIL 17

Technique Rush, the first event of Junior Week, is to be held at 1.00 o'clock, Tuesday, April 17, in the middle of the Great Court. The usual circular house with the conical roof is to be used and the blocks that are substituted for the books will be pushed up through a small opening in the roof. The grounds will be roped off and at a signal the contestants will race towards the house. The recipients of the first four and the twentieth block will get copies of Technique free. All of the first twenty copies of the book are autographed by President MacLaurin. Music will be furnished by the Technique Band. The management would like to have all men who can play any band instrument to meet R. Wilkins at the Technique office Wednesday or Friday at 5.00 o'clock.

### MEETING AT 1.00 O'CLOCK

With war an actual instead of a threatened development in our relations with Germany, the Institute Committee has, through the Permanent Preparedness Committee, completed plans for a census of every undergraduate at Technology with regard to war service.

The census will be started with a mass meeting of the student body this noon at 1.00 o'clock in Du Pont Court, weather conditions permitting. In other event, the meeting will be held in Room 10-250.

The Preparedness Committee will present a report on recent developments in opportunities for service, and make such recommendations as seem most pertinent at this time.

In addition to this, a questionnaire will be distributed, the purpose of which is to ascertain the general attitude of the student body toward service, and to separate those replying in the affirmative into three groups with respect to the nature of the service desired and the time at which the men wish to render it. These groups will comprise a Military, Naval and Industrial Service class, each of which will be assisted as far as possible in obtaining information regarding the requirements, opportunities and needs of their particular branch through the subcommittee in charge of the work.

It is planned to reach each man as an individual, rather than to collect data of a general nature which will serve only to confuse the issue. In following out this plan, however, the committee does not intend to lay out the particular course of action which each man should pursue, but will act rather in an advisory capacity after each man has for himself decided on the service desired.

The questionnaire is in the nature of a "feeler," and the information will be used for no other purpose than as a guide to the work of the committee. No obligations whatsoever are imposed

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### 1919 ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the 1919 Technique Electoral Committee today at 5.00 o'clock in Room 4-108.

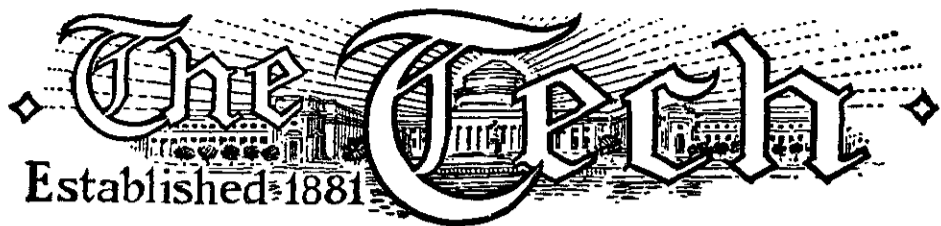
### CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, April 14, 1917

- 1.00 P. M.—Preparedness Mass Meeting, Dupont Court.
- 3.00 P. M.—1918 Baseball Practice, Cottage Farm Bridge Field.
- 4.00 P. M.—Engineer Corps Meeting, Practical Work, Basement of Building 1.
- 5.00 P. M.—Permanent Preparedness Committee Meeting, Room 4-138.
- 5.00 P. M.—1919 Technique Electoral Committee Meeting, Room 4-108.
- 5.00 P. M.—Tech Show Orchestra, Caf.
- 5.00 P. M.—Tech Show Soloists' Rehearsal, Caf.
- 7.30 P. M.—E. E. Society Meeting, Room 10-250.

#### Thursday, April 5, 1917

- 1.05 P. M.—Rifle Club Meeting, Room 1-190.
- 4.00 P. M.—Engineer Corps Meeting, Practical Work, Basement of Building 1.
- 5.00 P. M.—Tech Show Orchestra, Caf.
- 6.00 P. M.—T. C. A. Ballots Due, Caf.
- 7.15 P. M.—Tech Show Chorus, Room 1-190.
- 7.15 P. M.—Tech Show Cast, Room 1-190.
- 7.30 P. M.—C. F. Society Meeting, Caf.



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WAR IT MUST BE

NO ONE whose thoughts have run much on the recent international situation can have failed to forecast the state of war with Germany, now virtually admitted. Nor, considering the grave provocation for our entrance and the serious stage to which the world war has come, can it be doubted that the participation of the United States will be in the utmost degree active.

If the United States, as the most recent of the Allies, undertakes to assume a proportionate share of the Allies' military drains, we shall have to put ourselves in a position to meet in the open field the most active military organization in the world today, commanded by veteran leaders and supported by a farsighted central authority of unparalleled solidarity and effectiveness.

The question is not whether active service will be demanded of everyone, but whether that service should best be volunteered in the industrial, engineering or tactical field. For the Technology man this is not merely a personal consideration, wherein choice is to be based on one's own preference or belief in his ability; the technical training given by the State must not be lost sight of, and war should not lead anyone to embark in a side issue where that training will be made useless.

THE MASS MEETING

THE information and advice which will be given out at the Preparedness meeting this noon is of the highest importance to Institute men. The least of the national obligations is to obtain all possible facts regarding service on the outbreak of war; and the painstaking work of the Preparedness Committee in compiling the requirements and opportunities for service by Technology undergraduates should meet with appreciative response.

Those who have thought of the Dormitories as an inducement to "late living" should be effectually confounded by the fact that the B, C, D and E baseball teams will play games subject to forfeit by the team showing up later than 6.45 a. m.

Dormitory life brings the Institute a further sign of Spring, in the organization of the new but flourishing baseball league. Hereafter the annual melting of the snow will mark the awakening of interdormitory rivalry.

Attention is directed to Major Cole's communication, for the benefit of those who intend sending material to the War Department.

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The Editor of The Tech:
Dear Sir:—Please publish the following which will be of interest to students contemplating applications for army appointments.

These applications should be accompanied by letters of recommendations and it seems to be the general opinion that a letter from me should be included and will be of value because of my official position. What the Department wants is letters as to a man's character and they should be from persons who know something of that character and it is not essential that they should be persons in the military service. My personal contact with men in the military department is so slight that I, in general, can give no testimony of the slightest value as to their character and if I do write letters they do more harm than good as the Department writes and asks me a number of questions as to the man which can be answered only by one who has known him long and intimately as for instance people at home who have known him since childhood, teachers, pastors, etc. Of course I know a number of men at Tech well enough to be able to give them letters and when such is the case will be glad to do so and will be glad to furnish any necessary certificates of service, but in cases where my knowledge of a man's character is limited to his having been in the Regiment any recommendation can only be perfunctory and will do no good. An earnest letter from one who knows you, has faith in you and is glad to state that fact is what you want and the spirit in which the letter is written is of more importance than the social or business standing of the writer. Everything else being equal it is well to have persons in official standing in their communities as city officers, Federal officers, teachers, preachers, etc., but they must know the person endorsed and be able to make positive answers to questions, not merely "so far as I know," when the letter shows conclusively that they know nothing and are giving a letter to avoid the trouble of refusing.

EDWIN T. COLE,
Major, U. S. Army, Ret.

PRELIMINARY DANCE ORDERS NOW READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

As recently announced, applications for reservations of ten or more seats in a section for the Spring Concert will be received at the office of the Combined Musical Clubs beginning today. Applications which have already been received have not been given any attention. The preliminary dance orders are ready now, and may be obtained at the office of the clubs, the Information Office, or at the Caf.

TO ELECT T. C. A. OFFICERS

Ballots for the election of officers of the Technology Christian Association were mailed to the members of the society last Monday evening and must be handed in no later than 6.00 o'clock on Thursday. There will be ballot boxes in the Caf and in the T. C. A. office on that day. A new Constitution will be presented for the approval of the members at this election.

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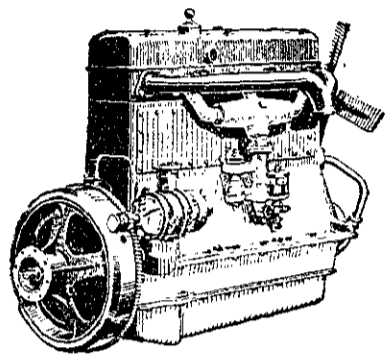
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To the Editor of The Tech:  
Dear Sir:—At a recent meeting of the Engineer Corps it was announced that only about three quarters of the men who had signified their intention of doing active work in the corps have attended the practical drills and a still smaller number has attended the theoretical lectures. It seems to me that such a condition of affairs, especially at the present time, is particularly unfortunate. The government has seen fit to detail a very able captain of the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army to instruct the men at Technology in the work which is expected of military engineers in actual service. Due to his efforts, the corps has been provided with a complete company's equipment of tools for reconnaissance, demolition, bridge building and fortification work, and it is now able to use this equipment in practical work out of doors.

It cannot be possible that any man at Technology has not yet considered what he may best do in the present crisis. We have been advised that our duty is to remain here and complete our courses so that we may better serve in whatever branch we shall elect to enter upon graduation. To remain in school is the very least we can do and it certainly seems that we might make some extra effort to fit ourselves for better service. If we are really in earnest in our desire to serve our country in the best possible way, we will make the necessary sacrifice of time, if need be, to attend the two periods of military training which are given to the members of the corps each week. Some form of military service is apparently inevitable for a good many men at the Institute and I believe that there is no way we may obtain a better knowledge of the work which will be expected of us than by a regular attendance at the exercises of the Engineer Corps during the remainder of the school year.

W. R. MCKENNEY '19.

### PREPAREDNESS MEETING

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upon the students by filling out the blanks. It is planned to secure answers from every man at the Institute; all men not having filled one out at the Information Office or at the mass meeting will receive blanks by mail.

In order to keep in touch with the student body, office hours have been arranged, at which time some members of each of the sub-committees will be on hand to assist the men in registering and supplying any information desired. These hours will be from 1.00 to 2.00 o'clock and from 5.00 to 6.00 o'clock daily, the latter hour being omitted on Saturdays. For the present Room 1-190 will be used as an office, and will be opened Thursday noon.

Detailed information concerning opportunities and requirements for service, in addition to future developments, will be posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor as soon as received.

A joint meeting of the men serving on the various sub-committees will be held at 5.00 o'clock this afternoon in Room 4-138.

### "CHARLIE" PARSONS' TRIO ENTERTAINS AT ENGINEERS' CLUB

Imperial Trio Sings Before Registrar

Bursar Ford and Registrar Humphreys were disappointed because in failing to attend "Back to Rogers" they did not hear the "Imperial Trio" sing that beautiful parody on Cohan's Revue entitled "Burton and Humphreys and Ford"; so Registrar Humphreys requested "Herb" Williamson, "Doug" Campbell, and the inimitable "Charlie" Parsons to sing their song in private for them.

The trio was at first rather suspicious, but upon finally being convinced that the Registrar's intentions in this matter, at least, were good, they consented to privately sing their little ditty. It was sung recently at the Boston Engineers' Club during a select banquet and from all accounts it was a pronounced success.

### ILLUMINATING SOCIETY MEETING

The New England section of the Illuminating Society, of which Professor R. G. Hudson, of the Electrical Engineering Department is secretary, will hold a meeting in "Smith Hall" on Wednesday evening, April 11.

Mr. M. Luckiesh, physicist at the Nela Research Laboratory of the National Lamp Works of the General Electric Co., will read a paper on the "Linking of Science and Art with Practice in Lighting." Students of the Institute are especially invited to attend.

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### 1918 BASEBALL PRACTICE

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### FOUND ARTICLES

The following articles may be obtained from the superintendent of Buildings and Power, in Room 3-005, upon proper identification:

Black looseleaf notebook, baseball glove, copy of "American Government and Politics," copy of "Analytic Geometry," three caps, two overcoats, pair of rubbers, pair of brown sneakers, two Ingersoll watches, large knife, and five umbrellas.

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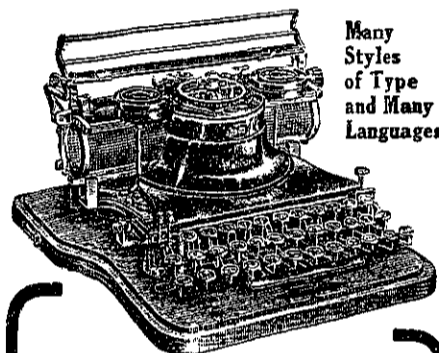
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the shooting of membership matches and the indoor qualifications. Any member of the club is eligible to compete in these membership matches or to try the qualifications. The official N. R. A. qualification targets may be obtained from the club for twenty cents each and a member may try the qualifications as many times as he wishes. The qualification course calls for ten shots off-hand and ten shots prone with two sighting shots on each target. A score of eighty-five off-hand and ninety prone entitles one to the bronze decoration as a sharpshooter, while a score of ninety off-hand and ninety-five prone carries with it the silver sharpshooter's medal.

The members of the outdoor team squad will be announced some time this week. The outdoor squad will at first be composed of ten men, two of whom will be dropped the first of May, eight being carried on until just before the final match when two more will be dropped, only six men shooting in the match. Although preference will be given to the men on the indoor squad in selecting the outdoor squad, anyone in the club who shows up well will be retained.

The Rifle Team shot off the tenth of the indoor matches last week. The individual scores are as follows: G. R. Bond '19, 188; W. Hadden '20, 183; H. J. McDonald '17, 173; W. S. Burbank '19, 167; H. M. Noeike '20, 167; J. C. Irwin '18, 166; A. E. Tuttle '17, 165; T. E. Stahl '17, 164; F. C. Howard '17, 157; G. A. Irwin '19, 155. The team score (counting the first five scores only) is 588. This is the highest score that the team has made so far, being eighteen points higher than last week's score and sixty points above the one of the week before. The team has been around twenty-second and twenty-third place in the list composed of some twenty-nine college teams, but the scores of the last few weeks in all probability will bring it up to about the nineteenth or twentieth place. The teams are divided up into groups of twelve each, the first twelve being "Class A" and so on. The team was in "Class C" last year, but it will probably be about the middle of "Class B" this year.

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All men who are in any way interested in shooting are cordially invited by the officers to attend the meeting, as the aim of the club is not to develop good shots among a few, but to foster a general interest in rifle shooting at the Institute. The ability to shoot well is one of the pre-requisites of a good soldier, and for that reason, if for no other, every man at Technology should know how to shoot. The rifle used by the club is the regulation army piece.

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